

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated November 13, 2007. Claims 1-13 have been previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in response to a previous election requirement. Further, claims 14-17 and 19-23 have been withdrawn in response to the species election requirement. Independent claim 18 has been amended to clarify the present invention. Dependent claims 24-34 have been added to further define the species elected. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants provisionally elect for continued prosecution of the Group 6 claims (i.e., claim 18) drawn to a corona head of FIGs. 13A and 13B and flame head of FIGs. 11 and FIG. 12. Thus, Applicants request examination of independent claim 18.

To advance the prosecution of the application, claims 14-17 and 19-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application with respect to these claims at a later date.

Further, dependent claims 24-34 have been added to further define the species elected in FIGs. 11-13. Support for these new claims is found in paragraphs [0045] through [0047] and FIGs. 11-13 of the present invention with reference to the Published Application Number US 20040091633. More specifically, FIGs. 13A and 13B illustrate the corona head and FIGs. 11-12 illustrate the flame head. The corona head and flame head are positioned within the treatment head. The corona head 1302, 1304, 1316 of FIGs. 13A and 13B (elements 322, 1406 in FIGs. 4 and 14 respectively) and the flame head of FIGs. 11-12 (elements 320, 1408 in FIGs. 4 and 14 respectively) are each positioned in the treatment head/station as shown FIGs. 4 and 14.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required on credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-1556.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct future correspondence regarding this application to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 13, 2008

By: /Jon A. Gibbons/
Jon A. Gibbons
Registration No. 37,333
Attorney for Applicant

FLEIT KAIN GIBBONS
GUTMAN BONGINI & BIANCO P.L.
One Boca Commerce Center
551 N.W. 77th Street, Suite 111
Boca Raton, Florida 33487
Telephone: (561) 989-9811
Facsimile: (561) 989-9812